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HUMAN RIGHTS TREATIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law concluded a hearing to examine United States implementation of human rights treaties, after receiving testimony from Thomas E. Perez, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; Michael H. Posner, Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; and Wade Henderson, Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, and Elisa Massimino, Human Rights First, both of Washington, DC.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of James A. Wynn, Jr., of North Carolina, and Albert Diaz, of North Carolina, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, after the nominees, who were introduced by Senators Burr and Hagan, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Robert A. Petzel, of Minnesota, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 82 public bills, H.R. 4326–4407; and 23 resolutions, H.J. Res. 65–66; H. Con. Res. 223–225; and H. Res. 977–994 were introduced. **Pages H15498–H15502**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H15502–04**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 976, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3326) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 64) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes; for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4314) to permit continued financing of Government operations; for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2847) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 111–380) and

H.R. 2190, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to phase out the use of mercury in the manufacture of chlorine and caustic soda, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–381). **Page H15498**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Baldwin to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H14983**

Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 223, providing for the sine die adjournment of the first session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress, by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 978. **Pages H14991–92**

Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules: The House agreed to H. Res. 973, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, by a recorded vote of 218 yeas to 202 noes, Roll No. 980, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 979. **Pages H14992–93**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Monday, December 14th:

Honoring the American Kennel Club on its 125th anniversary: H. Con. Res. 160, amended, to honor the American Kennel Club on its 125th anniversary, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 981. **Pages H14993–94**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Recognizing the contributions of the American Kennel Club.”. **Page H14994**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, December 15th:

Recognizing the 70th anniversary of the retirement of Justice Louis D. Brandeis from the United States Supreme Court: H. Res. 905, to recognize the 70th anniversary of the retirement of Justice Louis D. Brandeis from the United States Supreme Court, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 423 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 984; **Pages H15006–07**

PHONE Act of 2009: H.R. 1110, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code and to prevent caller ID spoofing, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 418 yeas to 1 no, Roll No. 986; **Pages H15420–21**

Daniel Pearl Freedom of the Press Act of 2009: H.R. 3714, amended, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to include in the Annual Country Reports on Human Rights Practices information about freedom of the press in foreign countries and to establish a grant program to promote freedom of the press worldwide, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 403 yeas to 12 noes, Roll No. 989; **Page H15431**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to include in the Annual Country Reports on Human Rights Practices information about freedom of the press in foreign countries, and for other purposes.”. **Page H15431**

Law Student Clinic Participation Act of 2009: H.R. 4194, to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualifying law school students participating in legal clinics or externships from the application of the conflict of interest rules under section 205 of such title; and **Page H15473**

Local Community Radio Act of 2009: H.R. 1147, amended, to implement the recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission report to the Congress regarding low-power FM service. **Page H15473**

Question of Consideration: The House agreed to consider the Senate amendment to H.R. 3326, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, by voice vote. **Page H15007**

Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010: The House concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3326, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, with the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–380, by a yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas to 34 nays, Roll No. 985. **Pages H15007–H15420**

H. Res. 976, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 3326, H.J. Res. 64, H.R. 4314, and the Senate amendment to H.R. 2847, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 yeas to 201 noes, Roll No. 983, after the previous ques-

tion was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 982. **Pages H15005–06**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 976 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by voice vote. **Pages H14995–96**

Making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2010: The House agreed to H.J. Res. 64, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2010, by voice vote. **Page H15421**

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A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 976 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by voice vote. **Pages H14995–96**

Call of the House: The Speaker called the House to order and ascertained the presence of a quorum (415 present, Roll No. 987). **Pages H15427–28**

Permitting continued financing of Government operations: The House passed H.R. 4314, to permit continued financing of Government operations, by a recorded vote of 218 yeas to 214 noes, Roll No. 988. **Pages H15421–27, H15428–31**

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A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 976 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by voice vote. **Pages H14995–96**

Question of Consideration: The House agreed to consider the Senate amendment to H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, by voice vote. **Page H15421**

Call of the House: The Speaker called the House to order and ascertained the presence of a quorum (429 present, Roll No. 990). **Page H15472**

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010: The House concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2847,

making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, with the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–380, by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 212 noes, Roll No. 991.

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Pursuant to section 5 of the rule, in the engrossment of the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2847, the Clerk shall (a) add the text of H.R. 2920, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of the text proposed to be inserted by the House amendment; (b) assign appropriate designations to provisions within the engrossment of the text proposed to be inserted by the House; and (c) conform provisions for short titles within the engrossment of the text proposed to be inserted by the House.

United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission—Reappointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment of the following members on the part of the House to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission, effective January 1, 2010: Ms. Carolyn Bartholomew of Washington, DC and Mr. Jeffrey L. Fiedler of Great Falls, VA.

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Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Wexler, where he resigned as Representative for the 19th Congressional District of Florida, effective at the end of the day on January 3, 2010.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H14991–92, H14992, H14993, H14993–94, H15005, H15005–06, H15006–07, H15419–20, H15420, H15430–31, H15431, H15472–73. Two quorum calls (Roll No. 987 and Roll No. 990) developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H15427–28, H15472.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and at p.m., the House stands adjourned until 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 19, 2009 unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 223, in which case the

House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

Committee Meetings

CYBERSPACE RADICALIZATION COUNTER-RADICALIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on understanding cyberspace as a medium for radicalization and counter-radicalization. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHILDHOOD OBESITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Innovations in Addressing Childhood Obesity." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: William H. Dietz, M.D., Director, Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Terry Huang, Director, Obesity Research Strategic Core Eunice Kennedy Shriver, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH; and public witnesses.

TSA AIRPORT SECURITY OPERATING MANUAL BREACH

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled "Has the TSA Breach Jeopardized National Security? An Examination of What Happened and Why." Testimony was heard from Gale Rossasides, Acting Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

LIVE SPORT BROADCAST INTERNET PIRACY

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on Piracy of Live Sports Broadcasting over the Internet. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AIRLINE BANKRUPTCY EMPLOYEES PROTECTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on Protecting Employees in Airline Bankruptcies. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL COURT PLEADING RESTORATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy held a hearing on H.R. 4115, Open Access to the Courts Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representative Nadler; Gregory G. Katsas, former Assistant Attorney General,